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For: SODIUM ZIRCONIUM CARBONATE AND ZIRCONIUM BASIC  
CARBONATE AND METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME  
Our Ref: 3191-003-01FROM: Luke A. Kilyk, Esq. *LK*

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before July 6, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.